

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF MARKET-DOMINANT  
PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Docket No. R2013-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO  
CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 6  
(November 6, 2012)

The Postal Service hereby files its responses to questions 1-2 of  
Chairman's Information Request No. 6, issued on November 2, 2012. Each  
question is stated verbatim, and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Credit Card Authentication Fee

1. Please refer to the Notice at 55.
  - a. The Postal Service proposes to expand the credit card authentication fee to all credit card authentications, rather than just those for filing a Change-of-Address request. Please identify all other products or services to which the credit card authentication fee will apply.
  - b. The Postal Service proposes to discontinue International Outbound Reply Coupons as an international special service offering. What alternatives, if any, are available in lieu of this service?

**RESPONSE:**

- a. The Postal Service is requesting this change for instances in which the customer provides a credit card number for reasons other than an immediate purchase. In these instances, the Postal Service will charge the fee as part of verifying information about the customer for financial and security reasons. While the Postal Service does not plan to apply the fee to any products or services in January, 2013 (other than Change-of-Address requests made online or by telephone), the Postal Service is planning later in 2013 to allow frequent customers to provide credit card information in advance for future mailings using a variety of existing products and classes of mail. The authentication fee would apply to those customers when the credit card is authenticated for future use.
- b. In some cases, services such as money orders and online payment services may serve as alternatives to International Outbound Reply Coupons.

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2. Please refer to the Postal Service's response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, question 20(a), which references the Country Classification List published on the UPU website. For countries listed in Classification Groups 1.2 and 2 in the UPU's Country Classification List, please confirm that the applicable 2012 terminal dues rates are the per-item and per-kilogram rates for "Target system countries participating in the QLMS" shown under the heading "QS adjusted rate for 2012" in Table 2.2 of IB Circular 124 of June 27, 2011. If not confirmed, please explain, and provide a citation to the terminal dues rates applicable to Classification Groups 1.2 and 2 countries.

**RESPONSE:**

Confirmed.